

Grandparent's Club
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Catholic Schools Week – 1/26-2/1

Catholic Schools Week at St. Mark's kicked off with a school-lead Sunday Mass followed by coffee hour at the school and a school open house. Tours of the school were given to visitors by our student council members.

The week was filled with fun, service, and activities. Monday-Thursday kids were allowed to dress in various fun themed clothing.

Each grade brought items to make sack lunches for those in need. Through the generosity of our St. Mark's families, over 200 lunches were donated to the Corpus Christi House and the St. Mark's Food Bank. Students and members of the student council assembled the lunches.

On Thursday, the 6th grade continued a St. Mark's tradition of presenting the "Living Museum." Each student selected

a humanitarian who has made a positive impact. From Clara Barton to Malala Yousafzai, students dressed as their chosen humanitarian. Each student gave a brief overview of their life and what they have done, or are doing, to make a positive impact in the world.

Friday included the beautiful all schools Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter. Hear the voices of our Catholic school and Catholic home school children!

<https://www.facebook.com/smkschoolboise/videos/2233702373543968/>

The week concluded with the St. Mark's Religion Bowl. The elementary school winners were the team of Bryden C. and Maitane L., representing 3rd grade. The middle school winners were Logan J., Danny H., Ryan M., and Jessie A.

Sterling Humanitarian Award



Every December, for more than 20 years, each of the Catholic elementary schools in Boise has had the privilege of selecting one 8th grade student to receive the Sterling Humanitarian Award. This honor is bestowed upon the student whom best exemplifies

the traits of a student humanitarian; taking concrete action to serve their school community and the greater community, being a seeker of justice, and promoting the welfare of others. This student is identified by the faculty and administration of their school to receive the award, which consists of a \$1500 scholarship to Bishop Kelly High School and a certificate of commendation. During the student body Mass on December 19th, Elaina Herrmann received the 2018 Sterling Humanitarian Award for St. Mark's Catholic School.

Future City Competition – 1/12

Future City is a project-based learning program where students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades imagine, research, design, and build cities of the future. Future City starts with the question, “How can we make the world a better place?” The 2018-2019 theme was *Powering Our Future!* Teams designed a resilient power grid for their future city that can withstand and quickly recover from the impacts of a natural disaster.

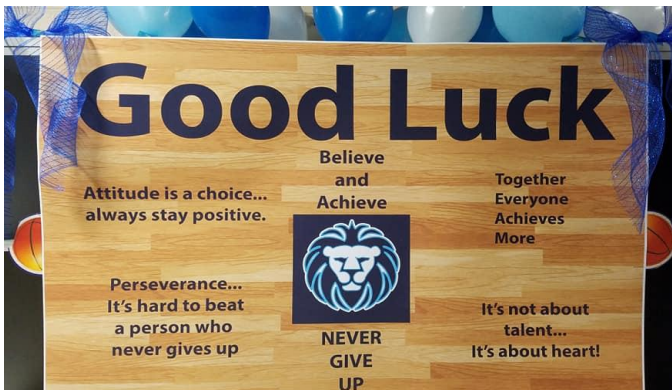
The participants complete five deliverables; a virtual city design; a 1,500-word city essay; a scale model built from recycled materials; a project plan and a presentation to



judges at the Regional Competition which was held on the BSU campus in January.

Our St. Mark's team won best essay at the regional competition. Great job team!

Hallissey Basketball Tournament – grades 7-8, March 1st-3rd



Since 1964, the Hallissey Invitational Basketball tournament has been bringing together 7th and 8th graders from Catholic Communities all over Idaho. The 56th annual Hallissey Tournament was held this year March 1st-3rd. Our St. Mark's teams played hard and demonstrated sportsmanship. Congratulations to the St. Mark's 8th grade boys & girls basketball teams. BOTH teams won the Hallissey Tournament Championships! Congratulations to our 7th grade boys team for winning 3rd.

Holy Spirit Basketball Tournament – grades 4-6, March 15-17th

St. Mark's basketball teams brought home six trophies from this year's Holy Spirit Basketball Tournament in Pocatello. Our students demonstrated honor, fairness, and tenacity. Our 6th grade girls won the Senior Girl's Division Championship, the 6th grade boys won the Senior Boy's 3rd place trophy, and the 5th grade girls won the SPORTSMANSHIP award and the Senior Girl's Consolation Bracket Championship! Congratulations also to our 4th grade

girls for bringing home the Junior Girl's Division Championship and our 4th grade boys for bringing home an equally hard-fought Junior Boy's 3rd place trophy!

A special thank you to all of our coaches for sharing their time and talents! It was a great weekend of basketball and St. Mark's community building in Pocatello.

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Lenten Retreat

Our students began their Lenten journey with 8:30 Mass and ash distribution. In the afternoon they participated in an all-school Lenten retreat. At one point, the students were split by grade to facilitate more age specific discussion and reflection regarding the Mass.

The students learned the pretzel story and also enjoyed them as a snack.

All children determined an individual Lenten promise they planned to do during these 40 days. Promises were written on heart-shaped paper and taped or set at the foot of the cross in the auditorium as they came back together for Eucharistic Adoration and benediction.

All students also participated in a community service project creating

"Jared Boxes" for St. Luke's Children's Hospital. A "Jared Box" is a plastic storage box filled with small gifts, toys, games, and fun activities. "Jared Boxes" provide a diversion for young patients receiving chemotherapy or other medical procedures. "Jared Boxes" bring smiles, laughter, and lift the spirits of those receiving them. The boxes symbolize the importance of play and are



filled with well wishes and hope. St. Mark's students decorated "Jared Boxes" and wrote cards for the boxes. Throughout Lent, students brought items to be included in the boxes.

Learning Opportunities Outside the Classroom

5th Grade Snow School at Bogus Basin



3rd & 4th grade field trip to the State Capital



Join Us at the Grandparent Reception on 5/8

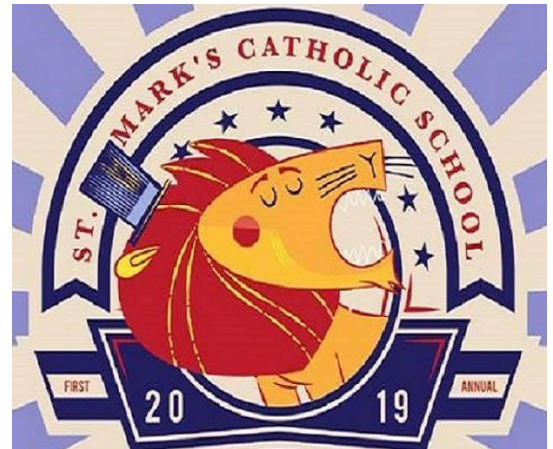
Please join us at the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, May 8th for our annual Grandparent Reception. You are invited to sit with your grandchildren during Mass. A special blessing for grandparents will be given. At the conclusion of Mass, a reception will be held at the school gymnasium for grandparents and their St. Mark's grandchildren. There will be light refreshments, coffee and lemonade served.

First Annual School Carnival – 4/27

The St. Mark's School inaugural School Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th. The carnival kicks off after the 5:00 pm Saturday Mass and closes at 10:00 pm. Food trucks will be on site so plan to have dinner after Mass at the Carnival!

The school carnival will have games, horse rides, and concessions. Wristbands to cover the games, rides, and concessions are \$20 each (20 punches). Pre-sale ends Wednesday April 24th.

Wristbands can be purchased at the school or through the parish



office from Amy Wong-Little. Wristbands will be on sale the day of the event for \$25 so purchase early and save. Attendees can also purchase tickets for games and concessions at the carnival. We hope to see you at this community Carnival!

St. Mark's School Foundation Golf Tournament - 5/3

The St. Mark's School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) in place to ensure that quality, affordable Catholic education is available to this, and future, generations.

The foundation is hosting the 2019 St. Mark's School Foundation golf scramble at Eagle Hills Golf Course on May, 3rd from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided, so arrive early to sign-in and enjoy a meal. There will be a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. In addition to prizes for the competition, the Foundation will also be holding a raffle at the event with a variety of items to choose from.

To register for this fun event, go to www.bit.ly/19smgs! The cost is \$100/golfer. Questions, contact Peter Vaughan 208.340.1400 or peter.b.vaughan@hotmail.com.



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